

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> Consent Agenda	<b>ORIGINATING DEPT:</b> Police	<b>ITEM NO.</b> D-13
<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> SAFE & SOBER 2004 Grant Application		<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Roger Peterson

The Rochester Police Department would like to apply for the *Safe & Sober* 2004 Grant Program through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety. The Department of Public Safety is seeking proposals to conduct highly publicized overtime enforcement projects addressing the issues of impaired driving and passenger protection use. The purpose of the program is to promote the safety of those who use public roadways. Traffic safety interventions have been proven to reduce deaths and injuries caused by motor vehicle crashing. Olmsted County is one of the twenty Minnesota counties with the highest number of traffic deaths and severe injuries. Grant funds are for additional funding for enhanced enforcement.

*Safe and Sober* grants are expected to be in the range of \$8,000 to \$60,000. The majority of proposals approved are \$25,000 or less, however, Rochester has typically received grants in the range of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The project year begins on October 1, 2003 and ends on September 30, 2004.

While a match is not required for the grant, expenses related to the project that are paid for with municipal funds clearly demonstrate that the City has a vested interest and real commitment to *Safe & Sober*. Typically, a local match of \$6,000 has been provided to the grant program.

### COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to apply and accept *Safe & Sober* grant funds and to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled SAFE & SOBER 2004 during the period from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. Further it is requested that the Police Chief, Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the City of Rochester, Rochester Police Department. It is further requested that a local match of \$6,000 be approved from the contingency fund.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

